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Animal shelter to change hands

POUND Halifax Regional Municipality will have a new pound starting April 1. HRM council last night approved the transfer of its animal shelter contract to the Homeward Bound City Pound from the Nova Scotia SPCA.

The SPCA has held the contract, which is renewed each year, for about a decade. In a report presented to council, municipal staff said, "The SPCA did not clearly identify the costs and revenues associated with adopted animals." The Homeward Bound group had a better overall proposal, the report said. "The people involved have 20-plus years in the animal industry," said police Supt. William Moore, who authored the report.

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Citizens gather in front of city hall yesterday after council voted against reforming the tax system. The group of about a dozen people supported council's decision to retain the current system.

HRM kills tax reform

Council narrowly votes down controversial proposal

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After five years of debate, reports, committee meetings and still more debate, Halifax regional council has finally put a final nail in the coffin of tax reform in HRM.

Council voted 13-10 yesterday in favour of dropping the controversial plan to switch from the current system — which bases municipal taxes on the assessed value of properties — to a "service-based" system that would charge residents receiving similar city services the same fees, no matter how much their property is worth.

Council had long been sharply divided on the is-



"When this first came to the council table, we all voted for it. But since that time, it has taken a deviation. Bury it today."

Coun. Steve Streach

sue. Those in favour of the change called it a fairer way of levying taxes, and promised lower-income households would get an increase in their tax rebate to offset any increases. But others argued it would mean wealthier residents of HRM would get major tax cuts at the expense of middle-income households.

Yesterday's meeting was a testament to how contentious the issue has become. Tempers flared, fin-

gers jabbed at the air and, at several points, the discussion turned personal. "You say you're defending the poor? You're not. You're defending the (current) unjust system," belittled Coun. Tim Outhit, who supported the reform plan.

"There is nobody around this table trying to put undo hardship on the poor, so let's stop that nonsense right now."

But Coun. Steve Streach said he and other council-

lors who opposed the plan are "not trying to play Robin Hood," only trying to avoid replacing one flawed system with another.

"When this first came to the council table, we all voted for it. But since that time, it has taken a deviation," he said. "Bury it today."

A small group of protesters showed up later in the afternoon to express its desire to see tax reform killed, only to find out it had already happened.

"It's democracy in action," said Larry Haiven, a management professor at Saint Mary's University.

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Coach not sure what to expect from Danton's debut with SMU

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HOCKEY The Mike Danton era begins tonight for the Saint Mary's Huskies.

The 29-year-old former NHLer who was recently released from prison in a murder-for-hire plot will play his first game in six years when the Huskies host the Acadia Axemen in Atlantic University Sport action at the Forum at 7 p.m.

After just four practices, he will step in on the second line with Cam Fergus and Justin Munden. But if you expect him to fill the net with pucks, you might be disappointed.



Mike Danton

"He knows he's not in game shape ... He knows he's going to bobble pucks," Huskies head coach Trevor Stienburg said. "He wants to be a reason why we win, but he also knows that if he wants to be an effective part of this program when it counts, he has to get in now and take his lumps."

Danton, who had 14 points and 182 penalty minutes in 87 NHL games, was released from prison in September after serving five years in prison for conspiracy to commit murder.

Even Stienburg doesn't know what to expect.

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Serial impaired driver to be sentenced

A serial drunk driver with over 20 convictions will be sentenced today at Dartmouth provincial court for his latest guilty verdict for being drunk behind the wheel. Terry Naugle, a 51-year-old from the Truro region, left, pleaded guilty in October to an incident last March, where he allegedly struck a car carrying three people from Tatamagouche. He pleaded guilty to leaving the scene of an accident, refusing a breathalyzer test and driving after being banned from operating a vehicle. All three counts carry maximum penalties of five years. METRO HALIFAX

Cop's plea date delayed till March

COURT The plea of a Halifax Regional Police officer charged with extortion and drug possession was put off yesterday until March.

Defence lawyer Joel Pink, appearing on behalf of Const. Jeffrey Buchanan, said he had received disclosure less than a week ago and hadn't had time to review it.

"We just received disclosure, which consists of the police brief to the Crown, plus there's approximately eight or nine videos that



Joel Pink

have to be reviewed," Pink said outside of the courtroom at Halifax provincial court.

"You have to sit down to meet with your client and essentially discuss the whole situation." That meeting is scheduled within the next two weeks. A new court date has been set for March 9.

Buchanan is facing charges of extortion and breach of trust stemming from a December police investigation. A subsequent search of his house led to one count of possession of marijuana being added.

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Permit parking nixed

System would have rented spaces out to drivers

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A plan to introduce permit-only parking along certain streets in downtown Halifax was shot down at last night's regular Halifax regional council meeting.

The proposal would have replaced around 300 metered parking spaces in areas surrounding Citadel High School and the Halifax Commons with permit-only spaces that individual commuters could "rent" for between \$30 and \$40 a month.

Staff predicted the project could generate around \$100,000 a year in revenue for the municipality, to be invested in "new projects and programs that make alternative means of commuting such as walking, bicycling and transit more attractive."

That reasoning didn't sit well with several councillors.

"Staff is putting the cart before the horse," argued Coun. Mary Wile. "You don't have the bus service (in outlying areas). If they had it out there, they would take the buses rather than parking their vehicles downtown. Metro Transit is working on it, but it's going to take a couple of years."

Councillors also complained that neither local businesses nor area residents were ever consulted about the proposed parking permits. Others said offering up a limited number of permits would create a lottery system that would be inherently unfair.



Halifax regional council discussed a monthly permit system last night for the currently free parking spaces around the Halifax Common and the Citadel. It wound up being voted down.

Deferred

Councillors were scheduled to discuss Metro Transit's five-year transit plan yesterday afternoon, but the matter was deferred until the next committee of the whole meeting.

But Coun. Jennifer Watts threw her support behind the proposal, saying if HRM wants to encourage sustainable transportation, it's got

to start somewhere.

"This is going to free up some revenue for us to invest in sustainable forms of transportation," she said. "This is a step forward ... and if we're finding it's not working, then we can look at changing it."

Ultimately, her argument wasn't enough to convince most councillors of the merits of the proposal. After nearly two hours of debate, council voted it down 13 to 10.

Drunk-driving charge laid after trip on wrong way of highway

CRIME A 46-year-old Port Hawkesbury woman is facing a charge of impaired driving after Halifax RCMP say someone travelled several kilometres down the wrong way on Highway 102 early yesterday morning.

Police say at 4:30 a.m., they received a call about a woman driving the wrong way on the busy highway near Exit 4C in Lower Sackville. Police allege she was travelling outbound in one of the inbound lanes.

Police spokesman Const. Tamu Bracken said the driver went onto the highway the wrong way at the Kearney Lake exit near Halifax. Bracken said she pulled herself over by Exit 4C, adding there were no reports of cars being forced to swerve out of the way to miss her.

"She travelled quite the distance," Bracken said. "By the time we got there, the vehicle was already stopped at the side of the road."

Bracken said when police arrived, the driver allegedly

showed signs of being impaired and was arrested and charged with impaired operation of a motor vehicle.

She was also charged with failing to provide a breath sample upon demand. Police allege she was unco-operative when asked to give the samples at the local police detachment.

"They gave the breath samples and were unable to get proper readings because she was refusing to give a proper sample," Bracken said.

The suspect has been released with a promise to appear in Dartmouth provincial court on March 10.

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News in brief

HAITI CONCERT The complete lineup is now set for Halifax For Haiti. The benefit concert to support the Canadian Red Cross in its relief efforts for the earthquake-ravaged country has added several new acts such as Rawlins Cross and Matt Minglewood. The concert, headlined by Halifax-based DRUM!, had already included such performers as Joel Plaskett, Classified, Bruce Gouthro and Christina Martin. Tickets for the concert are \$20 and are available at all Ticket Atlantic outlets, online at ticketatlantic.com or by phone at 451-1221.

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Heavy rain and strong winds caused a power outage and forced the cancellation of classes yesterday at Beechville Lakeside Timberlea School. The power was out in the area in the early morning. It was restored before school would normally open, but the Halifax Regional School Board had already made the call to cancel classes. **METRO HALIFAX**

New energy authority likely to hike fees

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Nova Scotians' power bills will likely go up as the government's conservation department becomes an arms-length corporation.

Energy Minister Bill Estabrooks yesterday unveiled the board of directors of Efficiency Nova Scotia, which will take over from Conserve Nova Scotia.

"On the one hand it's independent of government, on the other hand it's independent of Nova Scotia Power," said board chair William Lahey, a Dalhousie University professor and former deputy environment and labour minister. The move erases about \$27 million from the province's books, but that will now come from electricity ratepayers.

ENS will be funded by power surcharges. It also takes over Nova Scotia Power's existing efficiency program of \$22 million.

The goal of ENS is to slow down the consumption of a province racing towards its power capacity.

"In the long term it's going to be cheaper than some of the other options, such as building another



William Lahey, the chairman of the new independent Efficiency Nova Scotia agency, answers questions during a press conference at One Government Place yesterday. Efficiency Nova Scotia will take over from Conserve Nova Scotia at the end of March.

billion-dollar coal fired power plant, which is otherwise what we might have to do," Lahey said.

"It may be more expensive on a month-to-month or year-to-year basis, but in the long-term it's actually a good financial strategy for Nova Scotia."

The target switch over date is March 31. The other four board members include Carol MacCulloch, president of the Construction Association of Nova

Utility board

- The Utility and Review Board will oversee ENS and have to approve any power rate increases. The change was recommended in a 2008 report by Dal Professor David Wheeler.

Scotia; engineer Hector Jacques; Michele Wood-Tweel, CEO of the Institute of Chartered Accountants

of Nova Scotia; and Deputy Environment Minister Nancy Vanstone.

The board chair will make \$1,500 per month and \$500 each day the board meets. Board members make \$1,050 per month and \$350 each meeting day, which includes yesterday's press conference.

The pay is comparable to similar groups like the Workers' Compensation Board.

Conserve Nova Scotia exec still getting paid

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\$130,000

Heather Foley Melvin will continue to have her salary paid by taxpayers even though her job soon won't exist.

Seen by many as a patronage appointment by the Conservative government, Foley Melvin was chief of staff to then Premier Rodney MacDonald. Despite questions about her qualifications, MacDonald appointed her to head up Conserve Nova Scotia in 2006 for \$130,000 per year.

Days before his government lost power, MacDonald gave Foley Melvin a two-year extension.

As Conserve Nova Scotia gets transformed into Efficiency Nova Scotia, Foley Melvin's job will not carry over.

Instead the ENS board of

Heather Foley Melvin's annual salary of \$130,000 will continue to be paid for two years by the province's taxpayers despite the fact that her job has been eliminated.

directors will pick a new head.

"If she is of the mind to apply for one of the positions she would, I assume, be considered. But at this stage that's something for Ms. Foley Melvin to decide," Energy Minister Bill Estabrooks said.

Estabrooks added it's been a "positive experience" working with Foley Melvin. Even if she doesn't get the new ENS job the government will honour her contract, which runs until June, 2011.

The 15 other Conserve Nova Scotia employees will also have a chance to apply for new ENS jobs or they can move to a different position within government.

"There will be a place in the public service for them," Estabrooks said.



Heather Foley Melvin

Expansion announced for port's south terminal

PROJECT A \$35-million infrastructure project is underway at the Port of Halifax's south end container terminal.

The purpose of the project is to allow the terminal to simultaneously berth and service two full-sized post-Panamax vessels.

It involves deepening the berth from 14.5 metres to a depth of 16 metres, as well as extending the berth so it can take in con-

tainerized cargo.

"The Port of Halifax can today handle the largest ships afloat and this investment will ensure we can compete for all size vessels for a gateway of trade," Karen Oldfield, president and CEO of the Halifax Port Authority, said in a release.

Money for the project is being shared by the authority and the federal government. **METRO HALIFAX**

21-year-old charged after man chased with knife

ATTACK A 21-year-old man is facing several charges including assault with a weapon after Halifax RCMP say someone chased another male down a residential street in Cole Harbour with a knife.

Police say the incident took place Monday at about 4 p.m. on Arklow Drive.

Police say when they responded, the 21-year-old suspect was located at a nearby residence and ar-

rested.

The 17-year-old victim suffered minor injuries that didn't require medical attention.

The 21-year-old is also facing charges of possession of a weapon for dangerous purpose, resisting arrest and breaching his recognizance.

He has been released with a promise to appear in Dartmouth provincial court at a later date. **METRO HALIFAX**

Church must regain trust after scandals: Dunn

SCANDAL Bishop Brian Dunn admitted regaining public trust would be one of his biggest challenges in a diocese rocked in recent years by sex scandals involving clergy.

In his homily at a special mass Monday at St. Ninian's Cathedral — that installed him as the ninth bishop of the diocese of Antigonish — Dunn addressed the controversy surrounding his predecessor, Raymond Lahey, who faces charges in Ottawa of possessing and importing child pornography.

He said Lahey's resignation created a scar on the

diocese and the entire Roman Catholic Church.

"How do you regain trust in any kind of relationship?" Dunn told reporters after the service.

"It means being present with people. It means listening. It means being patient. It means loving them. It means forgiving. It means whatever I can do to provide a presence to people and, above all, to allow the



Bishop Brian Dunn

Lord's healing to come to people."

Lahey, 69, has been charged with importing and possessing child pornography. He is to enter a plea in Ottawa on Feb. 3.

Last year, Lahey negotiated an historic \$15-million settlement with dozens of alleged victims of sexual abuse by Roman Catholic priests in the 1950s, after a lawsuit was filed against the diocese and the Halifax archdiocese.

The church now hopes to raise \$18.5 million because six claimants have come forward with private

Auxiliary bishop

- Bishop Brian Dunn was an auxiliary bishop in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., before coming to Nova Scotia.

lawsuits.

The settlement will still provide \$12 million to victims who claimed abuse at the hands of priests in the Antigonish diocese between 1950 and September 2009.

Another \$3.5 million has been set aside for legal fees and related costs. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

News in brief

CREDIT UNION The East Coast Credit Union is putting plans to close three of its Nova Scotia branches on hold.

The credit union says its board of directors has agreed to reconsider the action in Mulgrave, North East Margaree and North Isle Madame. The financial institution says it will postpone the decision for between a year and 18 months while they look at options. The three branches has been scheduled to shut down at the

end of next month. The credit union acknowledges the decision not to proceed follows opposition from customer-owners and activists in the three communities. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

DRUGS A 27-year-old man and woman are facing drug charges after Halifax RCMP executed a search warrant at a home on Briarwood Drive in Eastern Passage late Monday night. Police say the search happened at 11:50 p.m. and

officers seized 175 pills, about 20 grams of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The two adults are each facing a charge of possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance. They will appear in Dartmouth provincial court on March 10. **METRO HALIFAX**

MURDER Bernard Frederick Hartling will be back in court April 29 for a preliminary inquiry in his first-degree murder case. Judge Theodore Tax

in New Glasgow Provincial Court set the date on Monday. Tax also agreed to sit on April 30, if necessary, to conclude the hearing. Hartling, 35, is accused in the death of 30-year-old Kenneth McNamara who was found dead on the morning of Nov. 14, 2009, near his Glen Road East home in Central Caribou. Hartling was denied bail in Pictou court on Jan. 14 and has been in custody since Nov. 15. **NEW GLASGOW NEWS**

Gardens get a lift

The federal government said yesterday it would invest nearly \$40,000 in repairs at the Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens Society. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Nobody hurt as shots fired in Uniacke Square

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Halifax Regional Police want to speak with a man they say was seen in the vicinity of where up to eight bullets were fired at a home in Uniacke Square early yesterday morning.

Police responded to a home on Divas Lane between Gottingen and Brunswick streets at 3:45 a.m. after a report of shots being fired came in from someone in the area. Two women were inside the home when police believe between five to eight bul-

lets were fired toward the home. Neither person inside was injured.

"What we know is somebody called in saying they heard multiple gun shots and they observed someone they felt was male and wearing all dark clothing ... running kind of away from the area," police spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter said. "At this point, we don't know if that person is involved in this incident or if they heard the shots and were fleeing themselves."

"Certainly, we'd like to talk to that person," Palmeter said. Police

spoke with the people inside the home "and neither person could give any reason why they might be targeted."

"So one of the things we'll be trying to figure out is who in fact was the target and if we can try and determine a motive for it," he added.

Police investigators spent several hours at the scene yesterday recovering bullet fragments. Holes were found through a window and the interior of the residence.

Palmeter couldn't say what kind of gun was used in the shooting.

Crash Dump truck, car collide



A Halifax Regional Police officer helps take some measurements after a Honda Civic and a dump truck collided at the intersection of Osborne Street and Northwest Arm Drive yesterday. The driver of the Civic was trapped and rescue crews had to use the Jaws of Life to free her. She was taken to the QEII with serious, but non-life-threatening injuries. The driver of the truck wasn't injured.

Empire Theatres expands in Ontario

ENTERTAINMENT Nova Scotia-based Empire Theatres is growing again.

The theatre announced yesterday plans to start construction on a 10-screen theatre complex in Waterloo, Ont., this spring, with the grand opening slated for the fall.

The 41,000-square-foot complex will feature digital technology in its 10 auditoriums offering high quality picture, Dolby Digital surround sound and high-back seats, as well as spacious meeting rooms for community and corporate use, and an expanded refreshments offering.

Empire Theatres Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Stellarton-based Empire Company owns and operates 50 theatres across Canada with 380 screens, including one IMAX theatre in Halifax.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cape Breton health-care workers to vote on tentative agreement

HEALTH Two locals of the Canadian Auto Workers have scheduled meetings this week across Cape Breton for about 1,900 health-care workers in the Cape Breton and Guysborough Antigonish Strait health districts after tentative contract agreements were reached yesterday and Monday.

The agreements are the latest ones to be settled by the province, which is facing roughly 200 contracts to negotiate in the coming year. Last week, the government settled contracts with 4,100 rural health-care workers and about 3,000 school support staff outside the Halifax region.

"We didn't achieve

everything we set out for, that's for sure, but it's the best we could get at this time," said CAW national representative Susan Burrows.

Both agreements were reached with the help of a provincial conciliator, and the bargaining committee is recommending union members accept the deals. Final ratification votes will be held next Monday.

"We realize the province is in dire straits financially and if they haven't got it, they haven't got it," said Burrows, "and that's something we had to keep in mind at the table."

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Book sheds light on John Paul II's life

Canada/World

Canadians don't trust feds: Report

Deep divide between citizens, government

A new study, on the heels of a public clamour over the suspended winter parliamentary session, claims Canadians are jaundiced about the state of democracy here.

The report, to be released today by the Institute of Wellbeing, says Canada is experiencing "a huge democratic deficit, with trust in Canadian government and public institutions on a steep decline."

"The disconnect between Canadians and those who govern on their behalf is deep, wide, and growing" said Lynne Slotek of the institute. "At a time when people are demand-

Turnout

- The report says although voter turnout has declined from a high of 69.6 per cent in 1993 to the historic low of about 59 per cent in 2008, it does not mean Canadians are uninterested in politics.

ing greater accountability and transparency, they see their government institutions becoming more remote and opaque."

The report on "democratic engagement" comes coincidentally amid protests over Prime Minister Stephen Harper's New

Year's decision to halt the last parliamentary session and reconvene only in March. A review of 10 years of data, it does not take into account the reaction to the government's move.

National opinion surveys in recent weeks suggest that Canadians, rather than being disengaged or apathetic, have reacted strongly to Harper's decision to prorogue. It has cost the federal Conservatives dearly, with party support ratings dropping to an almost statistical tie with their main opponents, the Liberals.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Fire and brimstone become a common refrain in Haiti

Haiti Crisis

Pat Robertson might have plenty of company in Haiti where the streets echo with warnings of fire, brimstone and the wrath of God.

The U.S. televangelist raised an international ruckus with his argument that Haitians' past sins had earned them a punishment from God.

Critics have assailed his claims as "cruel" and "ignorant," but the big irony of the furore is that similar musings are a daily occurrence in Haiti.

In this deeply religious, mostly Roman Catholic

country, churches are often crowded with people standing on their front steps to get a glimpse inside.

These days, preachers are wandering through public squares, carrying Bibles and delivering sermons to the homeless.

Mio Janvier is among the estimated one million who became homeless after the Jan. 12 earthquake.

She says she hasn't been going to church; the preachers are coming to her.

"They just tell us, 'Jesus is coming back.'"

Nickerson Gay says they're being told they might wind up suffering the same calamitous fate periodically visited upon the infamous sinners of the

NHLPA steps up

- The NHL Players' Association announced yesterday that it has launched an on-line auction of memorabilia to raise funds for Haiti.

Old Testament.

"They've been talking a lot about that," said Gay. "They're talking about Sodom and Gomorrah."

"They're saying God hit Haiti because there's a lot of evil and sin going on in the country, which is why God hit us this way."

The argument echoes the one made by Robertson, who cited a 19th-century pagan pact for having caused the country's misfortune. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Kelowna Olympic medallist carries torch



Former Olympic silver medallist in rowing Scott Frandsen of Kelowna, B.C., is all smiles after lighting the cauldron during Olympic torch relay ceremonies at Kelowna's City Park on Monday evening, which 15,000 people attended. The Olympic Games are slated to begin on Feb. 12 in Vancouver.

News in brief

OLYMPICS Marijuana advocates and police say the Vancouver's laissez faire attitude towards the infamous B.C. bud won't change. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Being named Olympic flag-bearer can sometimes be a difficult honour for harried athletes to accept. Scan this code for the story.

Politician's 'pants' rap becomes Internet hit

POLITICS A New Brunswick politician has become a minor Internet sensation after trying to inject humour into the provincial legislature.

Last Friday, Liberal T.J. Burke said Conservative party Leader David Alward's criticism on the government's plan to sell NB Power assets to Hydro Quebec left the Tory leader with his "pants down." At that point,

Burke started rapping "Pants on the ground, pants on the ground, looking like a fool with his pants on the ground," — a ditty made popular by a contestant on American Idol.

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Watch a video of Burke's Pants on the Ground rap at: metronews.ca/canada

Peace with Taliban a key topic

AFGHANISTAN How can the hard war in Afghanistan finally be won? That is the perplexing question facing Afghan leaders and 60 foreign ministers including Canada's Lawrence Cannon when they meet at a London conference tomorrow.

The conference will see the unveiling of an ambitious plan to sap the Taliban insurgency by convincing some of its lower- and mid-level fighters to lay down their weapons in exchange for money, job training and other financial incentives. It is not clear if the plan to persuade Taliban fighters who are not linked to al-Qaida to give up their weapons and join the political process — a centerpiece of the conference agenda — will be successful. Taliban leaders say the plan is doomed.

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News in brief

SRI LANKA Early returns showed Sri Lanka's incumbent president ahead of his estranged former army chief in their bitter race to win the first presidential election after a quarter-century war against Tamil Tiger rebels. A military

India Balancing act



Indian soldiers stand on a motorcycle during the Republic Day parade in New Delhi yesterday.

spokesman said troops surrounded a central Colombo hotel where challenger Sarath Fonseka was staying after about 400 people gathered in support of the general.

HONG KONG Five local opposition legislators resigned yes-

terday to pressure China for direct elections, in what some consider a desperate bid to revive the campaign for democracy in the semiautonomous former British colony.

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Comment

Apple defying gravity

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The question on the collective mind of the media this morning: Can Steve Jobs do it again?

For his first trick, Apple's genius revolutionized the computer by inventing the Mac.

Next, he revolutionized the mobile music universe with the iPod.

Next up, he transformed the mobile phone universe with the iPhone.

This morning, he's poised to unveil Apple's entry in the tablet derby with the iPad or the iSlate, which will be approximately the same size as those e-reader devices already on the

market, such as the Kindle or the Sony e-reader.

And so, naturally, people are asking: Can he do it again?

I hope so. And here's why.

We've been waiting a long time for the Device That Can Do Everything. If Jobs gets it right, the iThing will be that device.

For years, computers have been getting smaller

and more mobile until now,

where there's a sweet spot between the best smartphone and the lightest, most lavish laptop.

You can do just about anything on a laptop, but it's just a little too clumsy to fit into your modern 21st-century lifestyle. And you can do just about anything on your iPhone. But you have to squint to do it.

The tablet device has all the potential in the world to deliver all the world: Movies, music, games, TV, and the office, as well as The Office. At the same time, it can be an ideal platform for books, magazines, and this newspaper, among others.

In fact, Jobs could save the media. So far, he has defied gravity and convinced millions of people to continue to actually buy music via iTunes, and publishers

hope beyond hope he can do

the same thing for all content. Because if you build something that people really want, they'll pay for it.

And if Jobs has a secret, he builds things that people want. I was a BlackBerry early adopter and a diehard loyalist — until I discovered the iPhone and all the things it could do. Now? BlackBerry, SchmackBerry.

If newspapers, magazines and books are as easy to buy, navigate, and enjoy on the iThing ("enjoy" being the key word), then maybe we're on the threshold of a media miracle.

There is every indication Jobs knows what's at stake this morning. He has reportedly said this is the most important thing he has ever done. And there are thousands of authors, editors, publishers, producers and presidents who are praying he is right. Again.

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Steve Jobs

Word on the street: Are you satisfied with Canada's level of aid for Haiti in its time of need?

Amir Sabanovic
Dartmouth

A: I'm not really super conscious of what exactly is going on, but from what I've noticed there's been a lot of aid. I think it's pretty sufficient, but more is always better.

Betty Skuffham
Halifax

A: I'm happy so far, as long as they keep giving. Because it's going to take forever to build that country so it can be self-sustaining. But I think so far we've done very well.

Arthur Doyle
Dartmouth

A: We're absolutely obligated to help as much as possible. I don't know exactly how much aid we're able to give, but I'm sure it's a lot, so I'm sure we're not giving enough.

Sophie Moggridge
Ottawa

A: No, I don't think so. So much of it goes to administration costs, so everyone in Canada is donating all this money for relief, but a large percentage of it is not even making it to Haiti. That's really frustrating.

Chris Chung
Vancouver

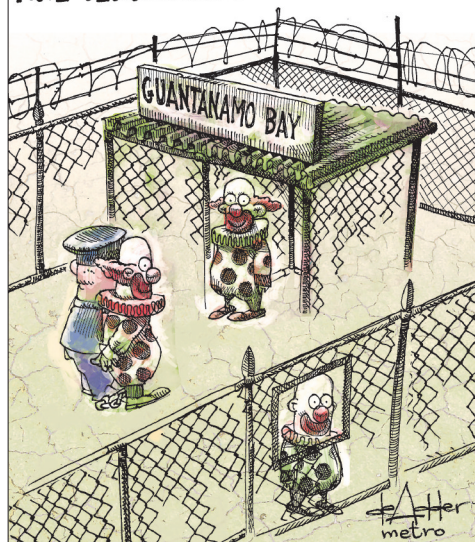
A: Other than the money issue I think we should send more people and volunteers.

Davorah Katz
Toronto

A: Yes. I think Canadians are providing money and all the help we have. Considering the number of people we have in comparison to the Americans ... I think we're No. 1 (in donations).



A WORLD WHERE PIE-THROWERS ARE TERRORISTS:



Online chatter

Asked on Twitter: Are you satisfied with Canada's level of aid for Haiti in its time of need?

HALIFAX

@sweethb: I am very happy with the work Canada has done so far. They were quick to jump in and help. We care about the rest of world.

@mickeymaclean: I think Canada is doing an amazing job and Canada is always on top of things when it comes to helping out.



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TORONTO

@andreamoffatt: regular citizens have been so great but we need to let families reunite and drop the debt!

CALGARY

@cyrusrayne: Canada is doing more faster than expected, and good on us for it. Getting fatigue from media coverage though.

Worth mentioning

Scientists probe alien life

For the past 50 years, scientists have scoured the skies for radio signals from beyond our planet, hoping for some sign of extraterrestrial life. But one physicist says there's no reason alien life couldn't already be lurking among us — or maybe even in us.

Paul Davies, an award-winning Arizona State University physicist known for his popular science writing, said yesterday that life may have developed on Earth not once but several times.

Davies said the variant life forms — most likely

tiny microbes — could still be hanging around "right under our noses — or even in our noses."

"How do we know all life on Earth descended from a single origin?" he told a conference at London's prestigious Royal Society. "We've just scratched the surface of the microbial world."

Davies also noted that less than one per cent of all the world's bacteria have been comprehensively studied — leaving plenty of time to find unusual organisms.

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The committee representing secured lenders of Canwest Global Communications says there's sufficient committed support to ensure a court-supervised auction of the company's newspapers and online businesses. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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TV still top medium: Report

But more Canadians surf web during commercials, survey says

In a world filled with technological distractions, television remains a universal medium but almost no one is watching the ads, a report by advertising agency Bensimon Byrne warns.

A growing number of Canadians are surfing the web or sending text messages on their cellphones while watching television, the agency said in its quarterly Consumerology report. As well, many more households own personal video recorders and are using them to skip the ads, according to the report made public at the Advertising Week 2010 event in Toronto.

As a result, only one in five Canadians is giving television commercials their full attention.

"The overall learning

Tech bits

- Half of Canadians under 34 spend two hours a day online. But 83 per cent of respondents of all ages consider the Internet "essential" to their daily lives.
- High-speed Internet access was cited as the single most important home entertainment device.

- Just over half of respondents of all ages consider a cell phone "essential." However, consumers over 55 were more likely to also own a landline, while those under 35 did not.
- Just over half of Canadians use Facebook, though usage is less likely among consumers over 55.

from this study is that technology is fragmenting our attention spans dramatically," said Jack Bensimon, president of Bensimon Byrne.

"Advertisers must accept they no longer have a captive audience. Whatever your product, service or message, it needs to be of high interest or it will not sustain awareness."

The number of house-

holds with PVRs has risen to 29 per cent, a figure projected to rise to 42 per cent by the end of 2010, the report found.

That's up dramatically from the nine per cent of households with PVRs in 2008, according to the Television Bureau of Canada.

The dramatic rise surprised even the researchers, Bensimon said. "PVR ownership in Canada

is much higher than previously thought and is set to continue to rise significantly."

David Herle, principal at the Gandalf Group, which conducted the survey, said researchers used the same wording as the television bureau to ask the question about PVR ownership.

Just over half of PVR owners use them to record the majority of the shows they watch. Eight in 10 report they fast-forward through the commercials.

Despite the findings, television remains the best way to reach a broad audience, the survey showed. Newer media, such as the Internet and social media sites including Facebook and Twitter, still reach smaller, more fragmented audiences.

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Air New Zealand Skycouches



This file photo released by Air New Zealand shows the airline's new Skycouch option. Air New Zealand said yesterday it will set a new benchmark for longhaul flights by offering beds in economy class, but they come with a catch — passengers need to buy three seats to enjoy lie-down travel.

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IMF forecasting quicker recovery

FINANCES The International Monetary Fund says the Canadian and global economies will recover more quickly than it had previously predicted, although it warned that this recovery could be stopped in its tracks if stimulus measures are unwound too quickly.

The global economic organization said yesterday world economic output will grow 3.9 per cent this year, up from its previous estimate of 3.1 per cent.

Canada's growth is projected at 2.6 per cent this year, slightly behind the United States but ahead of other G7 members. This compares to a previous forecast of 2.1 per cent growth in 2010.

This is slightly lower than the Bank of Canada's most recent forecast, which predicts growth will average 2.9 per cent this year. The Washington-based IMF said the recovery is moving at different paces around the world, with the rebound strongest in Asia's emerging economies and weaker in developed countries, which are still dependent on government stimulus.

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Despite better-than-expected U.S. numbers, jittery investors keep TSX flat. Scan this code for the story.

Business in brief

CORRECTION The Money Matters column in yesterday's Your Money section had incorrect information. The RRSP contribution limit is 18 per cent of

prior year's income. You get a 20 per cent grant for the first \$2,500 of your RESP contribution.

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Tigers back in CIS top 10

The Dalhousie Tigers men's basketball team jumped back into Canadian Interuniversity Sport's top-10 ranking yesterday. The Tigers, 7-5, are ranked 10th after posting back-to-back wins on the road against the Memorial Sea-Hawks. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Sports



Richard dunking in the U.K.

Former Halifax Rainmen forward Kadiri Richard finished as runner-up in the British Basketball League dunk contest last week. Now with the Worthing Thunder, Richard is averaging 9.7 points, 8.5 rebounds and a BBL-best 2.5 blocks.

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Peering into the future's talent

Mooseheads could prosper with any one of these possible draft selections

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With the loss total piling higher and higher, fans of the Halifax Mooseheads don't have much to cheer for these days. Except, of course, the chase for a No. 1 overall draft pick.

The Mooseheads are edging closer and closer to finishing as one of the QMJHL's bottom two teams.

That would secure their entry into a 50-50 draw for the No. 1 pick in June's draft at Marcel Dionne Centre in Drummondville, Que.

Although it's still early, Metro called upon Antigonish-based International Scouting Service for their expertise to find out what kind of talent the Herd has to choose from.

Following is the ISS top-five for 2010 listed with position, height, weight, team, league and stats (GP-G-A-P-IM). Comments are from ISS chief scout Chris Mooring.

Long time comin'

• The Mooseheads haven't had a No. 1 pick since their expansion year in 1994, when they took forward Etienne Drapeau. Their highest picks since were goalie Pascal Leclaire (fifth in 1998) and forward David Gilbert (fifth in 2007).

1. Jeremie Fraser

• D, 6-1, 199, Gatineau (Quebec midjet AAA), 27-4-14-18-72.

"He's the most polished of the group ... He's a pro skater with smooth, strong, powerful strides. He shows more of an offensive side than (No. 2 Dominic) Poulin."

2. Dominic Poulin

• D, 6-1, 183, St. Francois (Quebec midjet AAA), 31-7-10-17-50.

"He's solid all-around, he contributes at both ends of the ice. He's more physical than Fraser but not as good a skater, not as polished. He's smart, strong and steady and he's better de-



Cole Harbour McCains forward Taylor Burke is the fourth-ranked prospect for the 2010 QMJHL draft, according to International Scouting Service. Burke has 52 points in 33 games at the Nova Scotia major midjet level.

fensively than Fraser."

3. Luca Ciampini

• LW, 5-11, 186, Chateauguay (Quebec midjet AAA), 31-15-22-37-44.

"He's a little bit like

(Minnesota Wild forward Guillaume) Latendresse, but he might be more physical than Latendresse at the same age."

4. Taylor Burke

• C, 6-0, 190, Cole Harbour (major midjet), 33-21-31-52-56.

"He's a bit like (NHLer and former Cape Breton Screaming Eagles star

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Post-Games, U.S. Olympian Bode Miller hopes to swap his skis for a racket at the U.S. Open. Scan this code for the story.

James) Sheppard ... He has the same kind of physical tools as far as puck protection. He dominates the boards and he goes to the net."

5. Frederick Gamelin

• C, 5-7, 148, Chateauguay (Quebec midjet AAA), 35-11-32-43-12.

"He's Ciampini's linemate. Most of the goals Ciampini scores, this guy sets them up. He's a small, dynamic, playmaking centre. If you're looking for pure offence in this league, it's this guy."

For more from Mooring on the draft, visit Matthew Wuest's Q Files blog at www.metronews.ca/qfiles.

SCOREBOARD

PBL	W	L	PCT	GB
Puerto Rico	6	0	1.000	—
Rochester	4	0	1.000	—
HALIFAX	5	1	.833	1
Lewiston-Fort Sill	2	2	.667	3
Manchester	2	4	.333	4
Maryland	2	4	.333	4
Buffalo	1	4	.200	4.5
Vermont	0	3	.000	4.5
Quebec	1	5	.167	5

THURSDAY

HALIFAX at Puerto Rico, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Rochester at HALIFAX, 2 p.m.

QMJHL	W	L	O	S	P
Saint John	40	8	1	0	81
Moncton	33	11	1	3	70
Drummondville	33	14	0	2	68
Victoriaville	33	14	1	1	68
Quebec	28	14	3	4	63
Cape Breton	28	18	2	3	61
Rouyn-Noranda	28	18	2	2	60
P.E.I.	27	18	2	4	60
Rimouski	24	18	4	2	54
Shawinigan	23	20	3	4	53
Montreal	24	20	0	3	51
Gatineau	23	20	1	4	51
Chicoutimi	18	22	4	4	44
Bathurst	18	27	3	2	41
Val-d'Or	18	25	4	1	41
Lewiston	17	29	0	2	36
Baie-Comeau	15	30	2	1	33
HALIFAX	10	35	1	3	24

TODAY

HALIFAX at Lewiston, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

HALIFAX at Quebec, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

HALIFAX at Shawinigan, 5 p.m.

Herd have high hopes for upcoming road swing

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HOCKEY The Halifax Mooseheads are hitting the road looking for wins.

The last-place Mooseheads (10-35-4) visit the Lewiston Maineiacs (17-29-2) tonight at 8 p.m. before moving on to face the Quebec Remparts (28-14-7) on Friday and the Shawinigan Cataractes (23-20-7) on Sat-

urday. Lewiston holds down the QMJHL's final playoff spot, 12 points ahead of Halifax.

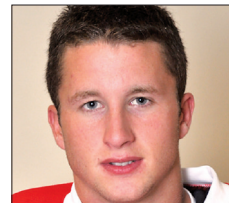
"That's three teams we can easily beat," said Mooseheads left-winger Gerrard Grant. "If we can get three of three out of this, or even two of three, that would be great."

The Mooseheads, who have lost three straight and 13 of their past 15, have the worst offence in

the league (2.4 goals per game) and scoring has been their main problem lately.

They scored just twice in a pair of weekend losses and have only six goals in their past four games. Shots haven't been a problem, but traffic in front has, according to Grant.

"You've got to be ready in front, getting loose pucks in front, and that's what we've got to do bet-



Gerrard Grant

ter," Grant said. "We've got to bear down on our chances in the crease."

Huskies announce first set of recruits for upcoming season

FOOTBALL The Saint Mary's Huskies have announced their first group of recruits for the 2010 football season.

Highlighting the group is defensive tackle Lincoln Bryan, a six-foot-two 310-pounder who had 20 tackles in six games with the Toronto Varsity Blues as a freshman in 2008.

"He could be an impact guy right away," said head coach Steve Sumarah, who

singled out Bryan as his key recruit.

Sumarah also said six-foot-three, 275-pound Nick Arment and six-foot-six, 315-pound Sean Swanney "are two big-body guys who will give us more depth on the offensive line."

He added that versatile receiver/punt returner/quarterback

Brown from Tampa, Fla., "could be the wildcard of the group" because he's "a multi-dimensional guy."

Linebacker Cody Lee, a Sir John A Macdonald product; defensive back Blair Ryan, a Queen Elizabeth product; running back Kevin Walsh, a transfer from the York Lions; and receiver Cameron Stewart



Steve Sumarah

of Ottawa are the other recruits.

Sumarah added that running back Tristan Jones has returned to Edmonton and is doing correspondence courses while working. He said he would "be surprised if he is back." Jones came to the Huskies with a sensational junior resumé but struggled with injuries as a freshman last season.

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METRO HALIFAX

Huskies to appeal Cormier suspension

QMJHL Patrice Cormier will not accept his suspension by the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League after all.

The Rouyn-Noranda Huskies said yesterday they will appeal the suspension handed to Cormier for his hit to the head of Quebec Remparts defenceman Mikael Tam.

Coach and general manager Andre Tourigny said on a conference call that the suspension for the rest of the season and the playoffs was "excessive."

"He could serve up to 48 games, that's too much," Tourigny added.

Later, Cormier read a short statement to The Canadian Press over the telephone. It said:

"I respect the decision of the QMJHL even if I find it too severe. I deeply regret the circumstances surrounding this event and I wish Mikael Tam a speedy and full recovery. Thanks for your attention." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Venus Williams knocked out

China's Li Na beat Venus Williams 2-6, 7-6 (4), 7-5 in a marathon, mistake-ridden quarter-final early today at the Australian Open featuring 110 unforced errors.

Williams served for the match in the second set against Li but was broken, forcing the set to the tiebreaker which Li dominated. Williams held service in the first game of the third set and Li in the eighth, but in between there were six consecutive breaks of serve — and eight in the first 10.

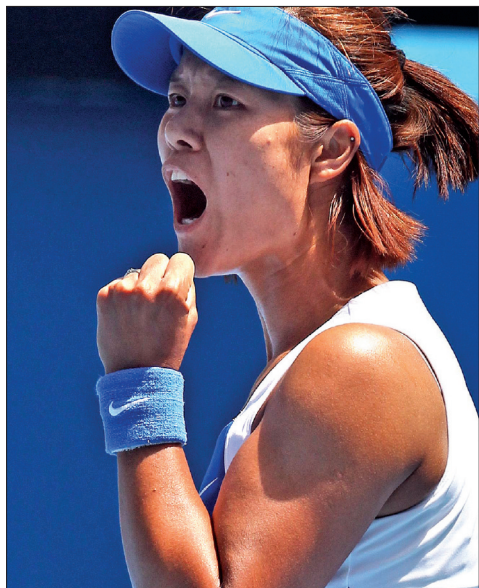
Li broke Williams' serve again in the 11th game of the decider, then held to win on her third match point in two hours 47 minutes. Li made 57 unforced errors in the match, Williams 53.

"Best day of my whole life," Li said on court. "I just played my tennis. I know I lost the first set but thanks for the coach, never give up."

Li and Zheng Jie have become the first Chinese players to advance to the semifinals of the same Grand Slam tournament. Zheng plays Justine Henin tomorrow.

"Good for both players, also good for China's tennis," Li said.

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Li Na of China reacts after winning a point against Venus Williams at the Australian Open tennis championship today.

Nestor through to semifinals

Canadian Daniel Nestor and Serbian partner Nenad Zimonjic advanced to the semifinals at the Australian Open with a 6-4, 1-6, 7-6 (8-6) victory over France's Arnaud Clement and Jonathan Erlich of Israel today.

Nestor and Zimonjic, seeded second, are battling with long-time rivals Bob and Mike Bryan for No. 1 ATP-ranking honours again this season with both power teams still alive in Melbourne play.

Sports in brief

BASEBALL The Oakland Athletics added another veteran arm to their young rotation, agreeing to terms yesterday with free-agent righty Ben Sheets on a \$10 million US, one-year contract. The 31-year-old Sheets has been plagued by injuries. The four-time NL all-star didn't pitch in the majors last season while recovering from elbow surgery but last week held a pitching session for several scouts, including ones from the Blue Jays, in Louisiana.

NFL The Minnesota Vikings must wait to hear from Brett Favre about whether he'll play next season. Coach Brad Childress says he won't set a deadline for the 40-year-old quarterback to decide. Childress said that he'd prefer to know sooner rather than later, but that the team will plan for both possibilities. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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NHL YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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Florida 2 Montreal 1
Los Angeles 5 Toronto 3
Atlanta 2 Anaheim 1
Columbus 3 Nashville 2
Phoenix 5 Detroit 4 (OT)
Washington 7 N.Y. Islanders 2
Chicago at Edmonton

NBA YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

L.A. Lakers 115 Washington 103
New York 132 Minnesota 105
Dallas 108 Milwaukee 107
Charlotte at Phoenix
Golden State at Sacramento

NFL could be headed into labour showdown

FOOTBALL Rich, powerful and more popular than ever, the NFL gets closer to a doomsday scenario every day.

Without a deal in the next five weeks to preserve the labour peace that has lasted since a bad month in 1987 — anybody remember scab football? — next season will have no salary cap.

That means richer teams such as the Washington Redskins and New England Patriots will be able to far outspend clubs such as Jacksonville and Buffalo for free agents while the Jaguars and Bills might try to pinch pennies to stay in business.

And if no deal can be reached next season, that uncapped, maybe less competitive year will be followed by no NFL at all in 2011. Stay tuned as the nation's most lucrative and most watched sport heads into the Great Unknown.

"It looks very bleak to get a (deal) done before March of this year or the beginning of the new NFL season," says Titans centre Kevin Mawae, president of the players' union.

"We're going to continue to try. ... Until we come to some terms of what's really important and what are the

"The players are more united than ever before, and we're preparing for a lockout."

Kevin Mawae, union president

big issues in this deal it's going to be tough to get something done.

"The players are more united than ever before, and we're preparing for a lockout."

The main issue, of course, is money.

The NFL owners in 2008 opted out of their contract and have asked for significant givebacks from the players, including a reduction in salaries of nearly 20 per cent.

That works out to about \$800 million; overall NFL revenues are estimated at \$6.5 billion. Those owners say the agreement that will expire next year is far too favourable for the players, who get about 60 per cent of the revenues actually used to determine the salary cap.

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Vancouver Games



Sisters Rosanna, left, and Chandra Crawford will be competing in the Winter Games.

Sisterly love keeps Olympians going

Just last season, Chandra Crawford's dream of cross-country skiing before family and fans at the Vancouver Olympics was disintegrating amidst misfortune and painful injuries.

Now, the Olympic gold medallist has secured a spot on the Canadian team and is on the comeback trail alongside biathlete sister Rosanna Crawford — and together they've adopted the title of "super lucky awesome sisters."

"Super lucky" seems to be overstating the case given recent setbacks, but it correctly reflects the outlook of the boisterous, glass-half-full Crawford clan of Canmore, Alta.

By 2008, Chandra, 27, had gone from Olympic sprint gold medallist in Turin and a World Cup leader, to a couch rider with intense shooting pains firing up her legs.

Adding to the family's

"We both had moments when we thought being together at the Olympics was never going to happen."

Rosanna Crawford

worries, Rosanna, 21, developed a heart condition known as Atrial Tachycardia, where the heart races to dangerous levels. She says a doctor warned her she might have a heart attack were it not for her extreme fitness levels.

"We both had moments when we thought being together at the Olympics was never going to happen," Rosanna said from a recent competition site at Antholz, Italy, recalling a time when her heart raced to 250 beats as she attempted to train.

Both had to go under the surgeon's knife, with Chandra's shins being cut open in 2008 to deal with compartment syndrome, and Rosanna heading to a heart

surgeon in December 2008. The surgeon corrected a problem with a nerve that was the root cause of the biathlete's condition.

The sisters are preparing together for the run-up to the Games at a final training camp on Vancouver Island's Mount Washington, and the final push is on to reach for an upset.

"Everything is going great with my erstwhile injuries," writes Chandra in an email message. "Everything is working."

"I'm looking forward to walking in the opening ceremonies. I'm looking forward to my sister and I racing in stadiums that are separated by a mere few hundreds metres of ski trail."

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Oldest Canadian Olympian takes it in stride

EXPERIENCE Curler Carolyn Darbyshire isn't sure she likes the distinction she's earned from her years of experience as she heads to the Vancouver Olympics.

But the 46-year-old, who plays second on Cheryl Bernard's team, does see the humour in the fact she will be the oldest Canadian competitor — and one of the oldest overall — at these Winter Games.

"I chuckled," she said following a practice yesterday at the Calgary Curling Club. "It's not something I think

about. I just go on day by day and I don't think of those things — just like if I thought of everything I have to do in a day.

"I would probably panic. It's a lot of perspective."

It's not that much of a surprise that a curler would hold that status due largely to the fact that athletes can play the game well into their late 40s and be competitive.

Darbyshire is by no means the oldest Canadian athlete to compete at the Olympics, and isn't even

the oldest in her sport. In 2006 Russ Howard turned 50 during the Turin Games and also became the oldest Canadian to win an Olympic gold medal.

Bernard, who is 43, was surprised that Darbyshire was the oldest.

"Carolyn is? No way. She doesn't look it. I was going to say Russ Howard if you meant ever," she chuckled.

"Well good for her. That just shows a lot of her work and what she's done to get where she is because it's a hard road."

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Camp do

If you're sending your child to camp, send him or her a modest care package along with a couple of fun and funny letters. OURKIDS.NET

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Camp Guide



No-nos for parents

Don't unpack for your child if you drive him or her to camp; give your child the space and independence to get settled in on his or her own. And don't worry if your child hasn't written — it likely means that he or she is having fun!

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Experiences that last a lifetime

RAFAEL BRUSILOV
for Metro Canada



Camps are more than just a nice diversion for your kids — they can be places that create memories that last a lifetime.

Jeff Bradshaw, president of the Canadian Camping Association, says more important than the fun and friendship kids find at camp are the valuable life and social skills they come home with.

"Camps are a great way for parents to encourage their kids to be independent," he said. "Kids come back from camp with enhanced life skills and they learn critical thinking. You can't help but be engaged in your environment when you're at camp."

Across Canada, there are more than 850 camps, which are accredited by their provincial camping associations. The number of campers they handle every year, while hard to measure exactly, number easily in the tens of thousands. While many camps do feature outdoor activities as their main program, a wide variety of camps for just about any activity can be found, such as computer camps, performing arts camps or even spirituality and leadership camps.

"There's such a variety in the types of camps available, and in my experience, there are no two camps alike," he said.

Before picking a camp,



Not only do they build friendships and have fun, but children who go to camp learn life and social skills, such as critical thinking.

find out what your child wants to do and how they want to do it.

"Talk to your child about what interests them, where they'd like to go and for how long. Think: Is your child independent, do they like to go things alone, or would they prefer a friend to go along? It really comes down to knowing

"Camps are a great way for parents to encourage their kids to be independent."

Jeff Bradshaw, Canadian Camping Association

your child and making it very much a co-operative venture with your child," Bradshaw said.

With the broad range of technology out there to-

gible experiences that can last a lifetime.

"There's a simplicity to (being at a camp) and it's a disconnect from all the things we are plugged every day. Just that sensory change can be refreshing for kids and having that human connection is more and more crucial," Bradshaw said.

Camp registration season is already underway, and you can get started by visiting the website of your provincial camping association where you'll find comprehensive lists of all accredited camps available.

For information on your local camping association, visit ccamping.org.

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Camps to keep kids active abound



There are many sports camps available in HRM for March Break.

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March Break can be a great time for kids to shake off the winter slumber with an active week. HRM has a wide selection of camps to challenge and entertain youngsters during the break.

HRM Recreation offers a **Hip Hop Workshop** for children aged eight to 12 at the LeBrun Centre on March 18, **rock-climbing classes** for kids aged five to 12 throughout the day on March 16, and a full week of activities mixing sports, crafts, science and drama from March 15 to 19 at the

Lakeside Community Centre. For a straight-up fitness focus, the **March Break Sport and Fitness Camp** targets kids between the ages of nine and 12 for a week of basketball, soccer, volleyball, badminton and lots of other activities at the Chocolate Lake Recreation Centre.

To learn more about all HRM Rec programs, go to halifax.ca/rec or call 490-6666. If funding is an issue, HRM Kids helps youth who might not be able to afford to go. They can be reached at 479-4760 or halifax.ca/rec/HRMKids.html.

Dalhousie University turns Dalplex over to the kids for March Break. **Ac-**

tive Kids March Break Day Camp, for children aged five to 10, offers an action-packed week of sports, games and crafts as well as outings and a daily swim. There are also specialized camps for basketball, climbing and an Outdoor Rangers camp for youth who want to explore the natural world. Learn more at athletics.dal.ca or by calling 494-3372. Saint Mary's University is also offering a basketball camp for boys and girls. Call 420-5429 for details.

Soccer Nova Scotia is holding a **Future Stars camp** for boys (afternoon) and girls (morning) under 12 in March Break and

over the summer. Register at soccerns.ns.ca or call 445-0265.

For something completely different, kids can run away to join the circus — or at least, the cirque. **Atlantic Cirque** is holding a full week, full day camp for ages seven to 13. Budding circus stars will learn trampoline, juggling, stunts, human pyramids, aerial apparatus (trapeze, cerceau, rope) and more. The week concludes with a cirque show put on by the kids. Register at atlantic-cirque.com.

Most of the above camps also run over the summer, so if you miss them in the spring, book ahead.

Artech puts focus on game design, animation and robotics

RICHARD WOODBURY
for Metro Halifax



For some kids, the idea of designing their own video game might seem like a dream, but that can be a reality at Artech Camps.

Artech offers workshops and week-long camps in art-based or art-enhanced technologies for kids during March Break and the summer months. Animation, robotics and video game creation are just some of the

camps offered for kids between the ages of five and 16, although each camp is targeted to a more specific age group.

The camps offered this March Break are titled RPG Game Design and Wild Adventures in Technology &

Art. The latter is more of an introductory camp.

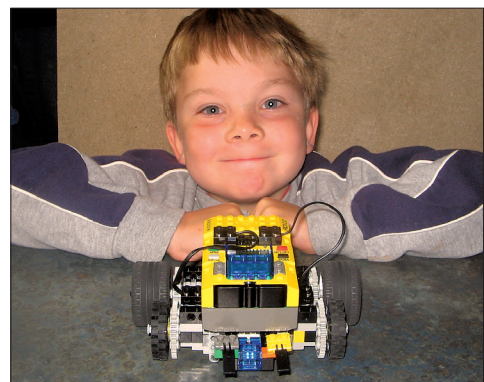
"That's one of our camps where they get an introduction into the different things we do," says Artech's director, Ronnie Scullion.

Topics include animation, photo editing and Lego robotics.

"I think it's a great way (for kids) to see what we can offer in terms of programs," Scullion adds. "They get a chance to find out if that's what they really want to do."

The response has been positive.

"The only complaints we get are (that) the days end too soon, some of the kids would like to sleep over, and the camps should run year-round," says Scullion.



Artech camp participant Robert Betts with a robot.

One past participant came up with a radical idea: "We had one boy who came to seven of our eight camps last summer," Scul-

lion says. "He said he wants to grow up and be the prime minister, close all the schools and just have Artech offered to kids Canada-wide."

Although a multitude of workshops and camps are offered during the summer sessions at its locations in Halifax, Ottawa and Toronto, Artech's March Break camps are only offered in Halifax and Ottawa.

Every camp has an average of 12 kids and two staff members, meaning an average staff to camper ratio of 1:6.

There is also one computer per student, so students aren't sharing computers or spending time waiting for their turn.

The subject matter may seem complex, but Scullion says kids already have a good knowledge base to work from.

"I think the kids have all the know-how to do so much more, it's just a matter of exposing them to ... more things that they can do, in terms of animation or game design and once they pick up the basics of that, they're often fine," she says.

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Prepare kids with sleepovers

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March Break camps are often the first time children spend a night away from home, and the experience can lead to feelings of loneliness and abandonment. Sometimes it's hard for the kids, too.

Agnes Stawicki, managing editor of the magazine *Our Kids Go to Camp* (ourkids.net/camp), says both parent and child can head off trouble by getting kids involved from the start.

"We say first and foremost to really involve the child in the process so that they get excited about it from the start and they have a role and a responsibility," she says.

Kids shouldn't feel like they're being sent away from home, but that they're choosing to go to the March Break or summer camp. Tell them what their days and week will be like and that there will be other campers just like them, along with staff who can help them with any problems. She reminds parents that camp staff are highly trained in the physical and emotional

care of children, and the low staff-to-camper ratio means they can keep a close eye on everyone.

Stawicki recommends a trip to a cottage and sleepovers at a friend's house to get kids accustomed to sleeping away from home and family before heading for the week-long camp.

Often the real fear is coming from the parents, she says. "The children get there and love it and want to stay an extra week, whereas the parents are the ones missing the kids."

Homesickness is a "natural, healthy" emotion, she says, and parents can prepare kids for it by letting them know they might feel lonely, perhaps comparing it to a tummy ache.

It might seem like a good idea to call the camp daily to make sure your child is not homesick, but that can backfire.

"It's really only going to increase any homesick feelings if the parents continuously call during the camp session," she says. Instead of calling, parents can send a package with treats and a photo from home, timing it so the parcel arrives two days into the break.

Dance, drum camps a hit

RICHARD WOODBURY
for Metro Halifax



Whether one is looking to work on their drumming, acrobatics or learn the basics of movement, singing and acting, there are lots of camps available for kids over March Break.

At Atlantic Cirque in Dartmouth, kids between the ages of seven and 13 can learn things such as acrobatics and trapeze in its week-long camp.

"It's kind of a little bit of everything we would do in a normal class," says Gina-Beth Roberts, office manager for Atlantic Cirque.

The course runs from March 15-19 and the cost is \$250.

For the budding Keith Moon, Long & McQuade in Halifax puts on a March Break drum camp. The camp is geared towards kids between nine and 13, but older students are welcome as well.

Students work on exercises such as hand and feet co-ordination, odd time grooves and funk drumming.



Students can learn different types of dance at the Citadel Community Centre from March 15-19.

The camp runs March 15-19 and the afternoon sessions allow students to practice and perform with professional musicians, while concentrating on different styles of music. The cost is \$250.

The city recreation department offers a March Break dancing camp for kids eight to 11 at the Citadel Community Centre. Students can expect learn different types of dance, such as jazz, hip-

hop and breakdancing. The camp runs from March 15-19 and costs \$95.

For those kids interested in theatre, Neptune Theatre offers an assortment of theatre camps for kids from as young as four up to the age of 18.

One of those offerings is "Gleeful," a camp that combines pop hits and Broadway classics to allow students to learn the basics of movement, singing and acting. The idea for the

camp comes from the popular TV show *Glee*.

"I like the fact that that show has such a broad appeal, so I knew it would really appeal to kids and probably their parents as well," says Neptune's director of education, Charlie Rhindress. "I feel like that show has made it cool for kids to sing and dance again."

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The demographics of Canadian used-vehicle buyers changed very little in 2009, compared with 2008, according to a report by J.D. Power and Associates. In 2009, the age of the typical buyer increased to 45 years old, from the 2008 average of 44 years old. CANADIANDRIVER.COM

Little change in used car demo: J.D. Power

Metro Drive

Down to the wire

The finalists for the Canadian Car of the Year have been named, with the winner to be announced at the Canadian International Auto Show in Toronto on Feb. 11. The nominees are: BMW 335d Sedan, Volkswagen Golf GTI, left, and Volkswagen Golf Wagon TDI. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Mazda2 on its way

JIM ROBINSON
for Metro Canada



Mazda wants, literally, to put a little Zoom Zoom in your life.

This summer, it will introduce the subcompact Mazda2 in Canada and the U.S. Originally shown at the 2007 Frankfurt Motor Show, it is also sold as the Demio in Japan.

Mazda Canada has wanted this car since it was announced and, finally, they will have a contender in the growing Canadian subcompact segment to go up against the likes of Toyota Yaris, Honda Fit and the Ford Fiesta that shares much of the Mazda2's underpinnings.

In Europe it is offered with a choice of a gasoline

2010 Mazda2

Type: Subcompact (Euro version)
Price: Not available
Engine: 1.5L
HP: 102
Torque: 101 lb-ft

Highlights

- Cool, stylish look
- Quiet ride
- Available in Canada this summer

1.3-litre or 1.5-litre engine and a 1.4-litre diesel. Tested here is the 1.5-litre which is an inline, four-cylinder unit with twin cams, variable valve timing and fuel injection for 102 hp and 101 lb-ft of torque driving the front wheels with a standard five-speed manual or optional four-speed au-

tomatic transmission. I drove the 1.5-litre with the automatic.

The car tested here is a Russian specification model and is roughly similar to what is coming this summer.

With the manual (I don't have numbers for the automatic as tested), European fuel economy is rated at 7.6/4.9/5.9L/100 km city/highway/combined.

Top speed is listed at 188 km/h and the 0-100 km/h time is a surprising 10.4 seconds.

When I asked what engine will we see in Canada, I was given a firm "no comment."

Interestingly, 95 per cent of the Mazda2 is recyclable and it contains no lead, chromium, mercury or cadmium.



Mazda will bring the Mazda2 subcompact, here tested in its European version, to Canada this summer.

Another thing going for the Mazda2 is its styling. It is anything but with a pugnacious stance that is more pronounced by two character lines, one along the rocker panel and one at the belt line. The latter rises as it climbs towards the rear fender that houses the rear wheel at the absolute outside edge.

First impression was how vibrant it looked in a Ferrari red, a world away from my Protégé in sand beige. The second was how big the side windows appeared. I found out later that was part of the overall styling concept.

The interior is standard fare for a Japanese small car, charcoal throughout.

Instrumentation is simple and the car tested here came with power windows and mirrors.

One thing of interest was how much quieter it is than my current Mazda5. Apparently, Mazda engineers used double door seals and stiffer door panels, that are less affected by aerodynamic suction at higher speeds.

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Fired FNUC CFO sues school for wrongful dismissal
Former First Nations University of Canada CFO Murray Westerlund has filed a lawsuit against the institution, claiming wrongful dismissal. Westerlund alleged he was marginalized and then fired in December for writing documents detailing violations by FNUC officials. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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U of T's Rotman scores big

The University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management ranks as the foremost Canadian business school in the Financial Times of London's latest top 100 survey of global MBA faculties, placing 45th overall. The other Canadian business schools to make the list are UWO's Ivey (49), York's Schulich (54), UBC's Sauder (82), uAlberta (86), and McGill's Desautels (95). **METRO NEWS SERVICE**

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Cash, courses and careers

Feeling lost or poor at college or university? Consult these experts

Working at School

This is the last edition of Metro Workology's monthly series, **Working at School**. Don't miss next month's series on the careers in the food industry. **Yum!**

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

Financing your post-secondary studies and parlaying them into a career can be daunting, but that's why universities employ experts to help students navigate a successful path.

Polly Liao, financial awards officer at Emily Carr University of Art and Design in Vancouver, says she often sees students concerned about footing the educational bill.

"I need to discuss their personal circumstances first, to determine what exactly they're looking for," she says. By getting a clear picture of their finances — what they have and what

they need — she can show them what help is available. Internal scholarships are largely based in GPA, but

external awards, scholarships, bursaries and grants help a huge and unpredictable range of people. A quick browse at the school's website, Ecuad.ca, shows money targeting people who live in social housing, students who have had tuberculosis, the children of people who work in the pipeline industry, golfers and students of Italian origin.

"We also have a First Nations area and they administer their own scholarship pool," Liao says. "We also have disability service in cases

where students have medical conditions."

If students do opt to take out a loan, student services can then help them through the application process.

Ness, coordinator of Career Services at the University of Manitoba. "Most people have uncertainty about that at some point. The challenge is, how do I get more certain?"

on providing information about hundreds of careers, including a career mentor program. "We hook the students up with someone working in an occupation they're interested in and they get to interview that person," Ness explains.

The information can help students eliminate potential paths and open their eyes to ones they might never have even heard of, let alone considered. Ness says working

as prosthetist, the people who design artificial limbs, or as a non-destructive tester making sure buildings are safe against earthquakes, might be the perfect fit for some students, but "that's not the kind of occupation most students think about coming out of high school."

Finally, employment advising staff help with resume development, job searching and interviewing skills. The centre also holds career fairs and links to personal counselling if students have issues like social anxiety difficulties that are affecting their job hunt.

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Once the finances are in place, the next step is picking a career path.

"Career planning is very complex and challenging," says David

His staff offer career counselling, career information and employment advising to help students figure out what they like to do and how to do it for a living.

"There's a large number of university students who are unclear about their career paths and what they want to study," he says. "There might be conflict within a family about what path they want to pursue."

Career counselling can help resolve those issues.

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Saving lives to saving fruit

Dragons' Den

Dianne Buckner

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Have you ever considered a career change? It seems like a radical move, especially if you've invested a lot of time, energy and education in a particular career path.

But lots of people do it. Martha Stewart for example, was a stockbroker before she became a caterer (and later a television star). John Grisham was a lawyer before he made it big as an author, writing legal thrillers.

And tonight's episode of **Dragons' Den** features a trio of Vancouver doctors who want to become business moguls. Turns out even well-paid, respected physicians have dreams of doing something else! (These ones have invented the Froot Guard, a plastic case that protects your fruit snack from bruising).

And why not make a change? It seems to me that most people have a vast range of interests and abilities. We usually have to make our choice of career when we're quite young, taking our best guess at what will suit our talents and personalities. Sometimes we don't even choose — we just fall into various jobs and go from there. No wonder people sometimes feel like they're attracted to a completely different livelihood.

Of course some career changes are bigger than others. Sometimes an easier shift is to take your same skills into a new industry — it can feel like a new career.

The **Dragons** are a little bit dubious about the doctors who pitch for investment tonight. "Do you guys really hate being doctors and you keep trying to get out of that field?" asks Robert. Watch tonight to see if the **Dragons** help this particular career switch happen.

Dianne Buckner is the host of **Dragons' Den** and the weekend anchor on the CBC News Network. Watch **Dragons' Den** at 8 p.m. tonight on CBC.

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Welcome to ABBAworld

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Take it easy in New Orleans

Learn the ropes before heading to the party in the Big Easy

PAUL BALDWIN
Metro World News

Bourbon Street is a non-stop party with a delta blues soundtrack. But there are lessons you must learn and things you must see in this culturally sensitive community.

See: The parades

Parade "Krewes" across the city fight to out-do each other with the biggest, loudest, most flamboyant floats and bands. Grab a beer and chair by the roadside and let Louisiana come to you.

Hear: Bar Blues

The best bar music in the U.S. Every bar along Bourbon street will have authentic, and usually superb, blues or jazz musicians. However, if you hear Sweet Home Alabama run for your life.

Eat: Gumbo

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Drink: Handgrenade

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Beads are a form of currency in New Orleans.

strings of cheap plastic beads which are thrown from the parade floats, and hung around thousands of necks. Strangely, women will bear their breasts for them.

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There's nothing like the Super Bowl. From the pre-game parties to after day hangovers, Super Bowl is an unparalleled experience.

Hotels will be jammed up and

down the east coast of Florida and all through Miami. If you are planning to go, here are some tips to make your Miami Super Bowl experience hassle free.

1 Super Bowl XLIV (44) will be at

Dolphin Stadium, just north of downtown Miami. Hotels in the area will book fast, beginning with the popular Art Deco hotels on South Beach. North Miami and Fort Lauderdale hotel rooms are a good alternate option that can offer lower prices. Many 2010 Super Bowl hotels in the Miami area will require deposits, multiple-day stays, and will not allow for cancellations.

2 The weather changes quickly on the

coast. It could be warm and luxurious or cold and brutal. Be sure to pack sunscreen, and warm weather wear, as well as a jacket and gloves.

cated. You will also want to leave your valuables in the safe at the hotel room. Super Bowl Week draws pickpockets as well as sports fans.

rounding Dolphin Stadium.

Individuals with tickets must purchase parking permits for Dolphin Stadium.

Fishing charters or renting a sailboat are available at one of Miami's many marinas. There is the traditional airboat ride out of Cooperstown.

Or you can hit up one of the numerous golf courses that dot the Miami coast.

6 Looking for a sports bar? Some of the best include: Mr. Moe's Restaurant and Bar in Coconut Grove, Shula's Steak in Miami Lakes or the Hooligan's Pub & Oyster Bar on Dixie Highway.

7 After the hangover from the game wears off, head down to one of Miami's many beaches. South Miami or Fort Lauderdale are some of the best stretches of beach in the world. Grab some hair of the dog and go.

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3 Security at Dolphin Stadium will be tight, so it is best to leave your backpacks and coolers at the hotel room or at the tailgate. Any beverages with a seal broken will be confis-

4 Parking will be restricted at Dolphin Stadium. But transportation from hotels will be plentiful.

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Geldof's Avatar payoff

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Sparks is shining bright

Bestselling author of the Notebook has Hollywood knocking on his door

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With 15 bestselling novels and six film adaptations under his belt, Nicholas Sparks is one of the most successful writers working today — and he does in fact sit down to work every single day. The man behind, the Notebook, A Walk to Remember and the upcoming Dear John sat down with Metro to chat about film adaptations, the state of the publishing industry and making people cry.



Nicholas Sparks is the author behind Dear John, which opens in theatres next Friday.

Q When you write a book now, is a film adaption in your mind?

A No, I'm a novelist. Movies come, movies go, and the day I figure out Hollywood, I think I'll be the first in town. It's a complicated thing, and that's a world that I can't control. The only world that I can control is the world of writing a

novel, because if I write it, it will get published.

Q But there isn't a part of you thinking, How will this be adapted?

A No, it isn't. The only way I think about film in the process of writing is to be aware of films with the knowledge that I'm trying to write an original story. I don't want

to write a book that's been written before, even by myself. At the same time, I don't want to write a novel that feels like you just saw it in a movie. For instance, I would never write a love story set on the Titanic. It was never a book. It would be original in literature, but it's not original.

Q What's your interaction level with your readers?

A It's minimal. For the most part I'm not recognized. I could walk down through the lobby right after this interview and nobody's going to know who I am.

I get tons of fan mail, and everybody gets an answer. Well, almost everybody. I don't do Twitter, but I do have a very extensive web-site.

And I think I have a Facebook page that my publisher runs. I don't even know how to get onto Facebook.

Q Certainly your name is recognized.

A It would be wonderful to think the world is full of readers, but it's not. More people would recognize The Notebook than Nicholas Sparks. It's on cable every month, and it's been seen by 400 million people, whereas 20 per cent of the U.S. population reads novels.

Q And finally, why do you like to make people cry?

A I don't think that's quite a fair question, because that is certainly not the reason I write what I write. I write in the genre of the Greek tragedies. You cover the full spectrum of emotions. So sadness is certainly part of that. It just happens that most people remember the sadness. That's not my fault, though.

Dear John opens in theatres next Friday

Timberlake named Hasty Pudding Man of the Year

PEOPLE Justin Timberlake will soon have a new piece of hardware for his trophy case — a pudding pot.

The Grammy and Emmy award winner was named Harvard's Hasty Pudding Man of the Year yesterday.

Timberlake will receive the award at a roast set for Feb. 5. Hasty Pudding Theatricals, the country's oldest undergraduate drama troupe, said in a statement that the singer, songwriter, actor and producer was selected because he's "one of pop culture's most influential entertainers."

His album, Justified, produced four No. 1 singles, making him the first artist in Top 40 history with four No. 1 hits from one album.

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Tim Burton set to lead Cannes film jury in May

MOVIES American filmmaker Tim Burton will head the jury at the 2010 Cannes Film Festival.

The Edward Scissorhands and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory director says heading up the nine-member jury in May is a "great honour."

Organizers of the French Riviera festival made the announcement yesterday in a statement quoting Burton's reaction. Burton says: "After spending my early life watching triple features and 48-hour horror movie marathons, I'm finally ready for this."

The 63rd Cannes festival will be held May 12 to 23.

The rest of the jury will be announced later.

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Kristen Stewart (left) plays Joan Jett (right) in *The Runaways*

Jetting to the top

FILM FESTIVAL Joan Jett kicked open doors for women to rock out in a man's music world. So when the time came for a film drama on how she got her start, Jett wanted to be on hand to help make sure the story was told right.

Jett was an executive producer for *The Runaways*, a Sundance Film Festival premiere that spins the raucous tale of her first band in the 1970s. The all-girl group of teenagers

— branded as a gimmick at the time — left behind some hard-rocking music in their short time together.

Twilight star Kristen Stewart plays Jett and her *The Runaways* Saga: New Moon colleague Dakota Fanning plays Cherie Currie, *The Runaways'* lead singer. The film captures the hurdles they faced at a time when the notion of female guitar gods was practically unheard of.

"Everybody knows Joan Jett, but nobody really knows how hard it was to become her," Stewart said. "We've grown up being told that we, us girls, can do whatever we want, and that just wasn't the case for them."

In an interview at Sundance ahead of the film's premiere Sunday, Jett recalled the reactions that greeted the *Runaways* as they rocked with the passion of the Ramones or the Sex Pistols.

"It was initially kind of laughing, like that kind of smiling, going, 'What are you doing? You can't do this. Girls don't play rock 'n' roll.' And when they saw we were really serious about it, the attitude kind of changed," Jett, 51, said. "Anything from really just insulting and dirty, nasty

things. Calling us names, every name that you can call a woman. Just stupid things. Bands feeling threatened by us.

"You'd think that in the rock 'n' roll world, I guess people think of it as a liberal sort of thing and it wouldn't

be a problem, but guys in bands had problems with it. We wouldn't get sound checks because people were threat-

ened."

Directed by Floria Sigismondi, who adapted the screenplay from Currie's memoir, the film follows the *Runaways'* quick rise to a record deal and superstardom in Japan through their hasty fall amid drugs and ego clashes.

The *Runaways* tracks Jett to the start of her career fronting the Blackhearts, with whom she scored hits with *I Love Rock 'n' Roll*, *Crimson* and *Clover* and other singles in the early 1980s. "I knew from the minute I met her that she was going to be the godmother of rock 'n' roll," Currie told the Sundance audience after *The Runaways* premiere. "And I was right." Jett said she was on *The Runaways* set every day, helping Stewart capture her posture, her guitar style, her East Coast Maryland accent.

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In the months after her husband died, Corinne Bailey Rae was fixated on the grieving process — specifically, whether there is a right and a wrong way to mourn.

It's not as if Rae acted inappropriately after the death of Jason Rae from a drug overdose in 2008.

The Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter, who dazzled the music world in 2006 with her sunny, silky self-titled debut, dropped out of sight after the tragedy. She spent a good part of her days simply resting



Singer Corinne Bailey Rae

and, when she felt like it, taking walks or spending time with loved ones.

She was also confused, in a haze, not knowing how to go forward after the destiny she thought she had was forever altered.

"I'm not familiar with that kind of shock that lasts all that amount of time," the 30-year-old recalled. "It's just sort of takes ages to sink it. You feel it and then you don't feel it; you know what's happened and then you don't really know what happened. ..."

"Somebody wrote me a letter saying that you need to surrender to it, which I was like, 'Well, how do I surrender?'" While Rae still has not come to terms with her loss, she has determined that the grieving process is unique and different for everyone.

And for her, it included channelling her emotions into her music. The result is her touching, tender new al-

bum, *The Sea*, started before the death of her husband but finished more than a year later. "There are other people that have had these similar experiences ... all different kinds of loss and I feel like a lot of people don't really sing about it in popular music," said an upbeat, reflective Rae during a recent interview. "I want to be that one voice that is saying that this is also a human experience that is worth making music about."

When Rae first started working on *The Sea*, she was determined to make an album that grew from the dreamy, groove-based tunes — such as *Put Your Records On* — that were becoming her signature. She was looking for sounds that were more aggressive, funky and complex.

"I wanted to make another record that was a partner to, and an answer to, the first album," the British musician said of her debut CD, which sold more than one million copies in the United States alone.

"I wanted to write something that was able to match that excitement that we'd feel in the audience." She had already started working on new music when her 31-year-old husband, described as a recovering addict, was found dead due to an overdose of methadone. In the aftermath, Rae found herself struggling to adapt to a role she never anticipated: widow.

"The shock of it is still really with me," she said. "It's hard to imagine that it's not going to go back to how it was."

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Travolta pilots jet with supplies and Scientologists to Haiti

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John Travolta

"We have the ability to actually help make a difference in the situation in

Haiti and I just can't see not using this plane to help," says Travolta.

Travolta compared the mission to aid efforts following Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. "We were there right away, with this airplane, because you know we have the ability and the means to do this so I think you have responsibility on some level to do that."

Aid groups have been desperate to fly their own

planes into the overstressed airport. UN humanitarian spokeswoman Elisabeth Byrs said Tuesday that at least 800 planes with relief items are on a waiting list for the airport, which can handle only about 130 flights a day due to a lack of space to park planes as they unload.

Travolta and Preston returned to Florida as soon as their supplies and passengers were unloaded.

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Zellweger joins film fest jury

The Berlin Film Festival says Oscar-winning actress Renee Zellweger has joined the jury for this year's competition. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Grammy Awards get young

Beyoncé Knowles, Taylor Swift lead nominations at upcoming show

The past two Grammy Awards ceremonies have ended on similar notes.

In 2008, jazz legend Herbie Hancock — then 68 — climbed the stage to collect his 12th career Grammy, besting more buzzed-about competitors Amy Winehouse and Kanye West in the album of the year category.

Last year, it was Alison Krauss and Robert Plant who brought their collective career Grammy count up to 33, beating out such MTV-friendly competition as Lil Wayne (who had the year's bestselling album), Coldplay and Ne-Yo (along with Radiohead) for album of the year, and amassing a show-high five trophies.

Going into Sunday's show, Beyoncé leads with 10 nominations, followed by eight for 20-year-old crossover country sensation Taylor Swift.

But some expert observers feel that if the Grammys want to skew to a younger audience, they'll need to do more than just dole out nominations to poppy, teen-friendly acts



Beyoncé Knowles leads this year's Grammy Award nominations with 10. Country star Taylor Swift follows with eight.

— those performers will think they're finally realizing that things need to change," MuchMusic VJ Devon Solntendieck said in a telephone interview.

"I think it's time that the Grammys started appealing to a broader demographic and I think they're finally realizing that things need to change," MuchMusic VJ Devon Solntendieck said in a telephone interview. "Sixteen-year-old kids don't want to watch Robert Plant win a

Grammy. They don't. Unless he's with Led Zeppelin, they just don't."

"To somebody who's 16, Eric Clapton feels geriatric. The Grammys' nominating committee is probably realizing they need to be more diverse, and they really need to appeal to a broader number of people."

Indeed, while the 64-year-old Clapton did receive two nominations this year, many of the marquee awards at the 52nd Grammys seem to be stacked in favour of a younger generation of artists.

Beyoncé, Swift and upstart electro-pop oddball Lady Gaga will duel in each of the show's three biggest categories (album, record and song of the year). At 28 years old, Beyoncé is the senior of the three.

The Black Eyed Peas received six nominations (including nods for record of the year), along with Maxwell and Kanye West, and French house producer David Guetta, Jay-Z and Gaga each took five nods.

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	29	29	29	NW	(6) Power & Politics		Connect Today's biggest stories.				CBC News: The National	Comic Books
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	54	54	54	GOLF	Golf Central	Play Lessons	19th Hole (HDTV) (Live)	Golf Videos	Golf Videos	Top 10 (N)	Top 10 (HDTV)	Top 10 (HDTV)
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ROB THOMAS keeps himself in check, **KEVIN SMITH** gets nostalgic, **SARAH SILVERMAN** can't find any deals, and **KIRSTIE ALLEY** puts her diet in perspective.

@ThisIsRobThomas everyday i wake up and say "i'm not going to work out today" then i taunt myself until i make it down to the gym. @ThatKevinSmith 13 years ago today, CHASING AMY had its world premiere @ Sundance97. Been trying to make as good a flick ever since.

@SarahKSilverman Big sales are really only great if you're a size zero or 14. @kirstiealley GOING TO DINNER...TINY LITTLE BIT THAT IT IS...lol...enough to wittle me down. and huge compared to our HAITI friends...will return soon shower after it is wet!

METRO WORLD NEWS

Paris poo-pooed at party

BUT SHE'S A RESPECTED ACTRESS ... OH WAIT Paris Hilton hasn't been having the best time at the Sundance Film Festival, according to Page Six. First, at a party at nightclub Harry O's, she was too busy keeping women away from boyfriend Doug Reinhardt to have a good time.

"The girl was trying to dance with Doug," a source says. "Paris asked everyone if they

knew her. Nobody did, so she demanded security throw her out." Then later, Hilton was snubbed by Weinstein Company honcho Harvey Weinstein at a different party.

"Paris tried to speak to Harvey and the others at the table," another source says. "He ignored her, and his whole crew then got up and left her standing there."

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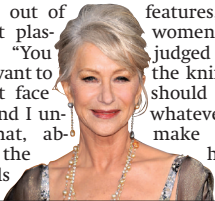


Comfortable in her own skin

THAT SAID, A FEW GLYCOLIC PEELS WOULDN'T GO AMISS Helen Mirren refuses to get bent out of shape about plastic surgery. "You go, 'I don't want to look at that face anymore,' and I understand that, absolutely," the actress tells

British talk show GMTV. While she's perfectly comfortable with her own features, Mirren insists women shouldn't be judged for going under the knife. "I think people should be allowed to do whatever they want to make themselves feel happy," she says.

METRO WORLD NEWS



Suri on the path to stardom?

ALL THAT BARELY WATER AS A BABY MUST HAVE PUT A SPRING IN HER STEP With actors Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes for parents, it was only a matter of time before Suri Cruise expressed interest in going into the fami-



ly business, but the toddler reportedly wants to get an early start.

"Suri loves her dance classes so much that when she started asking her mom to act, Katie couldn't say no," a

source tells Britain's The Star.

Dad Tom has previously given his approval for the career choice, saying in an interview, "I'd love it! Acting is a great life — to get to entertain people and create characters and stories."

METRO WORLD NEWS

The Dicaprio slasher

SHE KNOWS SCARS ARE SEXY A woman accused of hitting Leonardo Dicaprio in the face with a glass during a Hollywood party in 2005 will be extradited from Canada to the U.S. to face charges, female-first.co.uk reports.

Former model Aretha Wilson allegedly attended a party at the Holly-



wood Hills home of Paris Hilton's ex Rick Salomon when she allegedly slashed the actor's face. According to

police reports, the Titanic star needed 17 stitches to his face and ear.

Wilson, 39, was arrested in Los Angeles and charged with assault with a deadly weapon but fled the country before sentencing.

According to TMZ.com, Wilson was taken into custody in Ontario last week and has agreed to be extradited back to the U.S.

Dicaprio is expected to testify in the case.

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Momma Pitt to the rescue

WHAT? A TATTOOED GIRL WITH A VILE OF BLOOD AROUND HER NECK IS NOT YOUR IDEAL DAUGHTER-IN-LAW? While their reps continue denying reports that

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie are breaking up, at least one person is taking an active role in keeping them together. Brad's mom, Jane Pitt, is re-



portedly planning a sit-down with Jolie to work things out, according to the Daily Mail.

"Jane wants what is best for her son and grandchildren, and Angie has agreed to meet her," a source says.

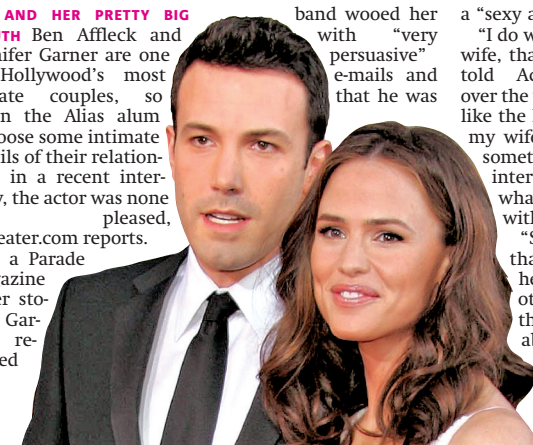
While she's never been the biggest Jolie fan, Jane is doing it for her son, the source says. "Brad is trying to cling onto the wreckage of the relationship as he is still very much in love with Angelina and believes they can make it work."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Affleck-ed by her words

JEN AND HER PRETTY BIG MOUTH Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner are one of Hollywood's most private couples, so when the Alias alum let loose some intimate details of their relationship in a recent interview, the actor was none too pleased, popeater.com reports.

In a Parade magazine cover story, Garner revealed that her hus-



band wooed her with "very persuasive" e-mails and that he was

a "sexy and kind" partner. "I do write e-mails to my wife, that is true," Affleck told Access Hollywood over the weekend. "Sounds like the kind of thing that my wife was looking for something to say in the interview ... and that's what she came up with," he said.

"So, thanks for that, because now here I am, doing another interview and then they ask me about that. So, thank you, honey."

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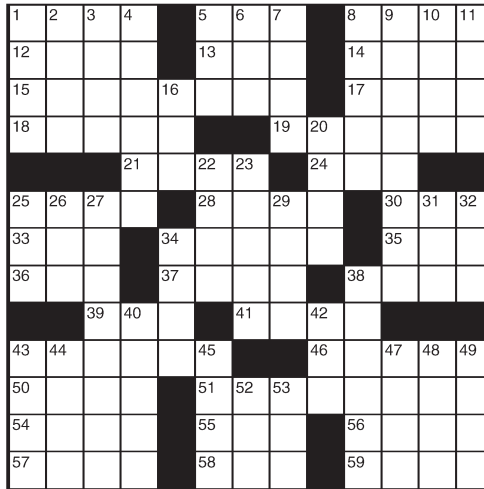
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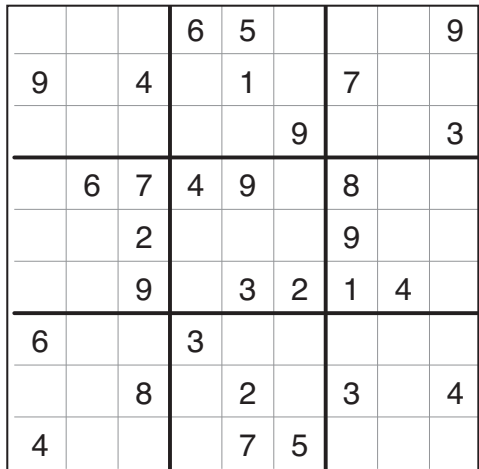
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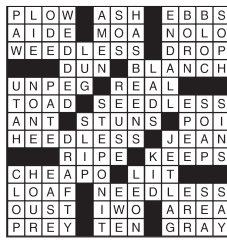
Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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Metro Recipe of the Day



Pappardelle with Chicken and Cherry Tomatoes

INGREDIENTS:
 2 tbsp (25 mL) olive oil
 1 red onion, halved and thinly sliced
 2 garlic cloves, crushed
 4 skinless chicken breast fillets, cut into 3/4-in. (2-cm) cubes
 14 oz (400 g) cherry tomatoes, halved
 14 oz (400 g) pappardelle
 5 oz (150 g) arugula

METHOD:

1. Heat olive oil in frying pan with lid. Add onion and garlic; cook gently 2 minutes. Add chicken and stir-fry over medium heat until lightly coloured. Reduce heat slightly and stir in tomatoes. Cover pan and cook, stirring occasionally, 8-10 minutes

or until tomatoes are soft and chicken is cooked through.

2. While sauce is simmering, cook pasta in pot of salted boiling water according to pack instructions. Drain.
 3. Stir arugula into sauce and season to taste. Tip pasta into warmed serving bowl. Spoon over sauce and toss gently to combine thoroughly. Serve.

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
 Moderation is essential today. If you go to extremes or make promises you may not be able to deliver on you are asking for trouble.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
 Someone in a position of authority will smile on you today and it could be the start of a partnership that you come to rely on.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
 Venus, your ruler, and Mars oppose each other across the most creative axis of your chart today, which means you'll have a lot of fun.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
 Be careful you don't come on too strong today, especially at work where you could clash with someone in a position of authority.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
 You have a tendency to worry about small and unimportant issues and that is something you need to watch out for over the next 24 hours.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
 You seem to be in a positive frame of mind at the moment and that's good because there could be a few minor setbacks today.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
 With Venus, planet of romance, opposing Mars today you could be lucky in love, but only if you are prepared to overlook someone's flaws.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
 Try not to get involved in a war of words today or people will think you have something to hide — and that could be a problem.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
 You may find it hard to keep your emotions under wraps today, but that's not a bad thing. Don't be afraid to open your heart.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
 If you can get through the day without throwing a tantrum or throwing in the towel your love life will not only survive but prosper.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
 Whether or not you enjoy certain tasks depends on your attitude: if you think they are going to be boring they will be boring.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
 Resist changing methods and routines that work well. The danger is that if you change one thing you will have to change just about everything

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1700: The island of New Britain is discovered.
 1860: Abraham Lincoln makes a speech at Cooper Union in the city of New York that is largely responsible for his election to the Presidency.
 1951: The Twenty-second Amendment to the United States Constitution, limiting Presidents to two terms, is ratified.
 1964: The government of Italy asks for help to keep the Leaning Tower of Pisa from toppling over.
 1974: People magazine is published for the first time.
 1986: The United States Senate allows its debates to be televised on a trial basis.

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